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E-cigarettes
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether consumption of e-cigarettes is still on the rise;

(b) whether there has been no substantial field studies on its ill effects and safety; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a): No such data of growing consumption of e-cigarettes is presently available with the Ministry.

(b): As per a report prepared by WHO; Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) (also known as e-cigarettes) emits nicotine, the addictive component of tobacco products. In addition to dependence, nicotine can have adverse effects on the development of the foetus during pregnancy and may contribute to cardiovascular disease. The WHO report further says that although nicotine itself is not a carcinogen, it may function as a "tumour promoter" and seems to be involved in the biology of malignant disease, as well as of neurodegeneration. Foetal and adolescent nicotine exposure may have long-term consequences for brain development, potentially leading to learning and anxiety disorders. The evidence is sufficient to warn children and adolescents, pregnant women, and women of reproductive age against ENDS use and nicotine.

(c): At present, there is no decision taken by the Government on regulation or ban of e-cigarettes.